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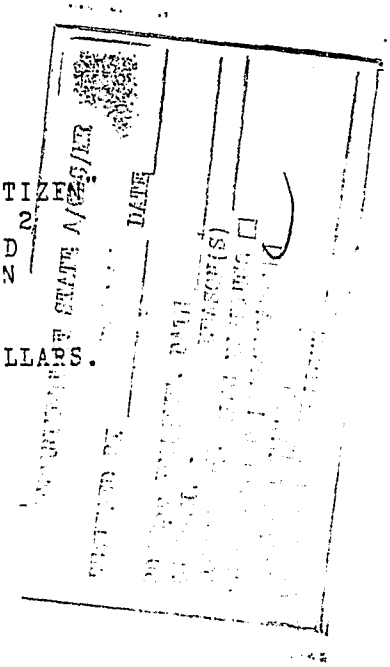
SUBJ: MEDIA COVERAGE OF PEOPLE'S TEMPLE DELIVERY OF CASH TO SOVIET EMBASSY
REF: GEORGETOWN 4524 (NOTAL)

1. BOTH GOVERNMENT-OWNED DAILY NEWSPAPERS, THE EVENING "CITIZEN" AND THE MORNING "CHRONICLE," CARRIED SHORT ARTICLES ON JAN 2 AND JAN 3, RESPECTIVELY, ON THE DELIVERY OF CASH, TAPES AND DOCUMENTS FROM THE PEOPLE'S TEMPLE TO THE SOVIET EMBASSY IN GEORGETOWN.

2. THE ARTICLES, QUOTING A "GUYANA GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL," STATE THAT THE CASH CONSISTED OF GS87,000, AND TWO U.S. DOLLARS. THE CONTENTS OF THE DOCUMENTS AND TAPES WAS NOT FURTHER SPECIFIED. THE "CITIZEN" REPORTS THAT THE CASH AND OTHER MATERIAL WAS HANDED OVER TO THE GOVERNMENT OF GUYANA (GOG) FOREIGN MINISTRY BY THE SOVIETS ON DEC 8 AND, ACCORDING TO THE SOVIET EMBASSY, HAD BEEN DELIVERED TO THE EMBASSY ON NOV 12 BY AN UNNAMED FEMALE MEMBER OF THE TEMPLE.

3. THE GOVERNMENT-OWNED RADIO OF JAN 2 STATED THAT THE MATERIAL HAD BEEN DELIVERED TO THE FOREIGN MINISTRY ON



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DEC 8 BY AN UNNAMED MEMBER OF THE PEOPLE'S TEMPLE WHO IS STILL IN GUYANA.
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